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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM LEWIS

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: AGENDA FOR JERUSALEM MEETINGS

REFS: (A) STATE 5218, (B) TEL AVIV 339, (C) STATE 5887

1. DAYAN IS ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO ROME AND WILL
NOT RETURN HERE UNTIL THURSDAY EVENING (JANUARY 12).
THUS THE EARLIEST I COULD SEE HIM TO CONVEY YOUR VIEWS
ON THE AGENDA FOR JERUSALEM MEETINGS WOULD BE FRIDAY
MORNING. WHEN BEGIN TELEPHONED ME THIS MORNING
ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, I TOLD HIM YOU HAD ASKED ME TO SEE

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DAYAN TO CONVEY OUR THINKING ABOUT WAYS TO AVOID DRAWN
OUT HAGGLING OVER THE AGENDA. (REF C REPORTED THAT
YOU HAD ALREADY RAISED AGENDA WITH DINITZ, AND I
ASSUMED BEGIN HAD ALREADY SEEN DINITZ' REPORT.) BEGIN
SAID I SHOULD SEE HIM ABOUT IT RATHER THAN AWAIT
DAYAN'S RETURN.

2. I TOLD BEGIN THAT I ASSUMED TEL AVIV 339 TRANSMITTING DAYAN'S AGENDA COUNTERPROPOSALS TO KAMEL CROSSED WITH YOUR MESSAGE. BEGIN SAID HE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE THE EGYPTIAN REACTION TO DAYAN'S LETTER BEFORE MEETING WITH ME TO DISCUSS OUR IDEAS. WE AGREED I WOULD SEE HIM AS SOON AS WE HAVE A RESPONSE FROM CAIRO TO CONVEY.

3. EVEN THOUGH DAYAN'S EFFORTS MAY NOT CLOSE THE GAP, I AM STRUCK BY THE SERIOUS EFFORT HE HAS MADE TO DEAL WITH THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES. I THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT BEFORE EITHER HERMANN OR I CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS, WE AWAIT THE EGYPTIAN REACTION. ALTHOUGH TIME IS RUNNING SHORT, I BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN PRESSURE AS LONG AS POSSIBLE ON BOTH SIDES TO BREAK THEIR OWN LOG JAM. IF BY TOMORROW THE EGYPTIANS HAVE NOT REACTED, THEN HERMANN AND I CAN GO TO WORK. LEWIS UNQTE VANCE

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